Boeing Announces Executive, Program Reassignments

Boeing Defense & Space Group President Alan Mulally today announced that the group Office of the President is making a series of executive reassignments and that the International Space Station program now will report directly to the Office to provide additional emphasis.

The Office of the President comprises Mulally and Defense & Space Group executive vice presidents John Schmit, Jim Evatt and John McLuckey.

"We are expanding the responsibilities of Jim Evatt to focus full-time on our Group growth strategy," Mulally said. "John Schmit and John McLuckey have the prime responsibility to deliver on our current commitments and capture the efficiency synergies of our mergers. They also will support Jim Evatt in his expanded role."

Mike Boyce is named Group vice president of Business Development, replacing Evatt. Boyce reports to the Office of the President.

Doug Stone, Group vice president and program manager of the International Space Station program for Boeing in Houston, now reports to the Office of the President. Stone directs a national industry team working toward a Nov. 27 first-element launch as the foundation for the largest cooperative international space effort ever undertaken.

Also in support of Space Station, veteran Boeing space systems manager Hal Di Ramio has been promoted to the position of vice president, Space Station Hab/Lab, assuming responsibility for Boeing space station development and manufacturing activities in Huntsville, Ala. Di Ramio reports to Stone.

Tom Gubala is named Group vice president and general manager for the Missiles & Space Division. Gubala will replace Jim Noblitt, who has announced his retirement effective March 1. Gubala also assumes Noblitt's role as president of Boeing Commercial Space Company, a Boeing subsidiary that develops and operates new business ventures in the growing commercial space marketplace.

Prior to this promotion, Gubala was executive vice president of Boeing Commercial Space Company. Gubala will report to the Office of the President.

Frank Statkus is named Group vice president and general manager for the Military Airplanes Division. He replaces Dick Hardy, who has announced his retirement effective March 1. Statkus had been F-22 program manager. Prior to F-22 assignments, he was chief engineer for the Boeing portion of the B-2 bomber program. Statkus will report to the Office of the President.

Allen Ashby is named president of Sea Launch Co., an international partnership that will provide commercial satellite launch service from a seagoing platform. Sea Launch is a joint venture led by Boeing and including Kvaerner, a Norwegian shipbuilder; RSC-Energia of Russia and NPO-Yuzhnoye of Ukraine. Ashby replaces Ron Olson, who will aid in the transition and then return to a senior position in Defense & Space Group.

Shephard Hill is named Group vice president of Business Development for Space Systems, replacing Ashby. Hill previously was vice president for Rockwell aerospace government affairs and marketing prior to the December purchase of Rockwell's aerospace and defense assets by Boeing. Hill is based in Washington, D.C. and reports to Boyce.

"These management changes recognize outstanding executive leadership in terms of customer focus, program performance and 'working-together' skills. These leaders are committed to delivering the best value to our customers. We intend to grow our defense and space sectors to create a balanced, full-service, integrated aerospace company and these leaders will help us to reach our vision," Mulally said.

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